

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I understand you intend to relax regulations that deter monopolies in broadcasting. I strongly and vehemently disagree with any attempt to do so.

Strong, robust and independent journalism is an absolute requirement for a strong, robust and thriving democracy. By allowing extensive consolidation, especially within one market, you will be tearing down this fundamental building block to a strong democracy.

It is important to have divergent sources of information. I shudder at the thought of the consequences of relaxing the regulations on consolidation. I'll hear the same information from the same whether i turn on the TV, read a paper or listen to the radio.

DO NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. I support diversity in media.

Respectfully,

Kate Allen